THEIR REDEEMER IS STRONG



The Widow

Their Redeemer calls us to use our strength for those who've lost their providers.

SERIES SUMMARY

Across the Scriptural library—from the Torah to the Gospels—we see God's heart for the most vulnerable among us.

Even when human justice grows corrupt or human systems fail to defend, there is a God in Heaven who sees, cares, and acts on their behalf.

The promise that "their Redeemer is strong" (Proverbs 23:11) stands as a bold warning to all of us across generations—and as a merciful reassurance to the orphan, the widow, the poor, and the foreigner among us.

ICEBREAKER

Tell about a time you loaned something and didn't get it back? Are you still bitter? 😉

SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 4:1–7

The story of the Widow's Oil.

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LEARNING FROM HIS STORY

1. Where have you seen the closest parallels to what widows must have experienced in the ancient world?
2. What does this story teach us about the relationship between God's provision and our participation?
   A. Why does Elijah begin by asking what she already had?
   B. Why do you think Elijah involved her neighbors?

EXAMINING OUR OWN STORY

3. What makes it hard for you to ask for help?
4. How do you determine whether it's ok to ask for help?
5. What kinds of needs have you seen or experienced as results of loss/grief?

WRITING A NEW STORY

6. Why do we tend to underestimate the value of simply "loaning an empty vessel"?
7. Can your group come up with 7 modern equivalents to loaning empty vessels?
8. REFLECTION: Who do you know that's living in the aftermath of loss? Do you have a vessel you can lend?

TAKING TIME TO PRAY

Redeemer and Defender of the widow, you see those made vulnerable by loss. Remind us that even what seems small in our hands can become something significant in yours when we share. Amen.

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